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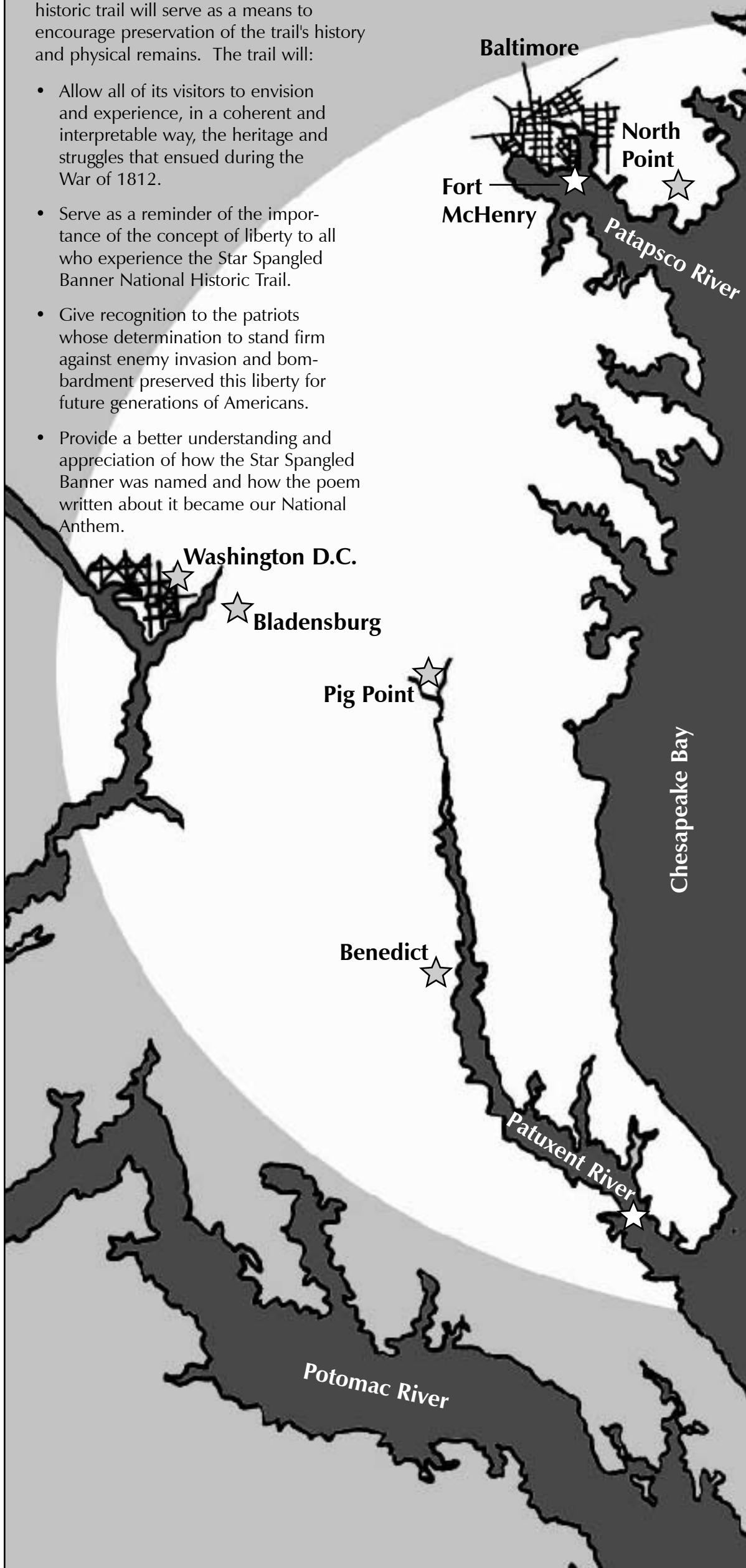


STAR SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY

Purpose

The designation of this route as a national historic trail will serve as a means to encourage preservation of the trail's history and physical remains. The trail will:

- Allow all of its visitors to envision and experience, in a coherent and interpretable way, the heritage and struggles that ensued during the War of 1812.
- Serve as a reminder of the importance of the concept of liberty to all who experience the Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.
- Give recognition to the patriots whose determination to stand firm against enemy invasion and bombardment preserved this liberty for future generations of Americans.
- Provide a better understanding and appreciation of how the Star Spangled Banner was named and how the poem written about it became our National Anthem.



Route of Major Events

The proposed trail traces the following major events:

- ★ The arrival of the British fleet on the **Patuxent River**
- ★ The landing of the British forces in **Benedict**
- ★ The sinking of the Chesapeake Flotilla at **Pig Point** in Prince George's County and Anne Arundel County, Maryland
- ★ The American defeat at the Battle of **Bladensburg**
- ★ The siege of the Nation's Capital and the burning of the US Capitol and the White House in **Washington D.C.**
- ★ The route of the American troops from Washington through Georgetown, the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Howard, and Baltimore, and the City of Baltimore to the Battle of **North Point**
- ★ The ultimate victory of the Americans at **Fort McHenry** on September 14, 1814

Study Schedule

- **October 2000:** Commence study
- **November/December 2000:** Data gathering / preliminary site selection and trail route
- **January 2001:** Public meetings
- **February 2001:** Historians' Seminar
- **February/March 2001:** Refine trail route alternatives
- **March 2001:** Public meetings
- **April 2001:** Draft Statement of Significance/NPS Review
- **May 2001:** Statement of Significance
- **June 2001:** Submit Proposed Trail Corridor and Draft Significance Determination
- **July 2001:** Draft #2 Significance Determination
- **August 2001:** Public meetings
- **September 2001:** Final Significance Determination/ Deliver Final Report to NPS Advisory Board
- **December 2001:** Feasibility and Desirability Determination
- **February 2002:** Draft Study Report / EIS